

REMARKS

This paper supplements the previously filed Rule 116 response, addressing the final office action dated February 21, 2006. Claims 1, 6, 7, 10, 12, 13, 19, 30, 31, 37, and 39 have been amended. The amendment does not add new matter and is supported by the original disclosure. The amendments to dependent claims 6, 10, 12, 13, and 31 address formalities issues, such as conforming claims to correct antecedent basis or improving clarity. Claims 1-23 and 30-41 are presently pending.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the courtesies extended to Applicant's representative, Andrew Reibman, Esq. in the telephonic interviews of May 9 and May 25. A statement of the substance of the interview is attached to this paper. In the interview of May 25, Examiner Layno indicated that the present amendment, discussed in draft form during the interview, should place this application in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that all presently pending claims should be allowable. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if any question arises about the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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